

Med Group starts ‘night shift only’ appointments

The 377th Medical Group has designated a limited number of early morning appointments for night shift workers.

These appointments are only intended for active duty members who feel they need to be medically evaluated before returning to duty the following evening.

“Night shift only” appointments have started and can be booked by calling the appointment line, 846-3200, option 3, starting at 6:30 a.m. Identify yourself as a night shift worker and appointments will take it from there.

Flight Medicine will continue to have sick call for patients enrolled with them.

All TRICARE Prime patients (active duty, dependents, retirees) are encouraged to enroll in TRICARE Online to avoid extended waiting times that may occur during peak appointment line hours.

To enroll in TRICARE Online, go to tricareonline.com and register yourself and each person in your family by following instructions given on the site. Using TRICARE Online gives you the flexibility of seeing most appointments available “today and tomorrow”—including some that appointment clerks cannot book today.

Worship services moved for Chapel remodeling

Worship services are being held in the Air Force Safety Center and Air Force Inspection Agency auditorium while the Chapel is closed for renovations.

Services are: Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. and Sunday Protestant traditional service, 10:30 a.m.

The Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center Leaf Auditorium is the location for the Sunday Protestant contemporary service at 10:30 a.m.

Uniformed military have priority from 8-9 a.m.



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Photo by Dennis Carlson

Preview of one facility that will be used for the Phase II exercise part of OPERATION CALMING PRESENCE. Use of this and similar facility is an effort to expose TEAM KIRTLAND’s expeditionary combat support warriors to realistic conditions while “deployed” during the Operational Readiness Exercise. Phase II of the exercise will be a 39-hour deployment providing base support to an existing humanitarian aid mission.

Exercise! Exercise! Exercise!

Wing deploying to ‘bare bones’ base for exercise next week

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OPERATION CALMING PRESENCE is sneaking up on Airmen in Aerospace Expeditionary Forces five and nine. Unlike any previous exercise conducted at Kirtland AFB, Phase II will be a 39-hour deployment providing base support to an existing humanitarian aid mission.

Exercises will be held day and night throughout the 39 hours. Players involved will be chosen from AEF nine, who are in their deployment window, and AEF five. Orders have already been issued or will be issued today for the participants.

Scenarios will be conducted based on experiences of personnel that have formerly been deployed to the desert. The Exercise and Evaluation Division

has observed past deployments to help mirror this Phase II exercise to that of a real world deployment.

Players can expect to be provided with mobile toilets, but showers will not be made available during the exercise. The same mobility checklist you would use in a real world deployment applies to this Phase II exercise.

“An advance site survey team was deployed previously to assess the condition of the forward location,” stated Tech. Sgt. Steven Higgs, Exercise and Evaluation Division. Appropriate facility usage is still being determined.

As in a real world environment, participants should be aware of safety concerns at this particular deployment site. Hazards include snakes, spiders and other desert critters. Be careful of where you are stepping and take great consid-

eration on where you choose to sit or eat.

The 377th Services Squadron deployed personnel will provide four meals a day during the 39-hour deployment to include breakfast, lunch, dinner and a midnight meal. Lunch and the midnight meal consist of Meals Ready to Eat. Exercise players can expect to pay \$1.70 for breakfast and \$3.30 for all other meals. You will be required to purchase your meals at the deployed location; do not forget to bring money.

“The proper attitude will determine the success of this exercise,” said Master Sgt. Paul Carder, Exercise and Evaluation Division.

If you have any questions about what is needed to help you prepare for OPERATION CALMING PRESENCE, contact your chain of command.

Honor Guard needs bugle players

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“If you can play ‘Taps,’ we have an outstanding opportunity for you to serve the community,” said Master Sgt. David McKay, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Kirtland Honor Guard.

Sergeant McKay is calling for all TEAM KIRTLAND members with skills to play the melancholy song as additional volunteers at local funerals for veterans.

Active duty military, civilian or contractor interested in offering their bugle-playing ability to help support the Kirtland Honor Guard are welcome to join the auxiliary corps. No obligation is attached to joining the corps, he adds, and members may decline any time they are contacted, but unable to support the service.

“The main goal is to have an additional option for providing live buglers as often as possible,” Sergeant McKay explained.

Congress mandated service representation and playing of “Taps” at funerals for honorably discharged veterans whose families have requested the performance. The Kirtland Honor

Guard provides proficient live buglers whenever possible. If no sufficiently skilled bugler is available for a family, the honor guard can offer the family “Taps” on a CD or use one of its two new ceremonial bugle devices that fit into a bugle and give the appearance of the honor guard member flawlessly playing the music. The formation of the volunteer nonmember corps is one more option to staff the many veterans funerals that come the way of the Kirtland Honor Guard.

The volunteers must be at least 18 years old and expect to volunteer 3-4 hours when called to serve. Most funerals, he said, range from 15-45 minutes and buglers will need “warm-up time” at the funeral and an initial hour or two with Sergeant McKay who will teach them their role at the funeral services. Volunteers would not be asked to participate in other installation ceremonies or functions, although they would be welcome to offer their services.

Interested civilians or active duty volunteers would need to discuss with their supervisors how to manage this volunteer time away from their duty

locations, and contractors would make arrangements for the volunteer work through their own companies.

“Supporting something as noble as funeral honors would stand out on a record to me as a supervisor,” Sergeant McKay noted, adding, “not to mention the personal pride and satisfaction of showing our gratitude to these veterans.

“...when I am performing these honors, there is a deep sense of being part of something special. I know we don’t ease the pain of loss for these families, but I believe our presence helps them in some way to say goodbye to their loved ones. I think we remind them that this person gave something to our country and our presence conveys the nation’s gratitude for their willingness to serve.”

For information about the new Nonmember Bugler Corps, contact Sergeant McKay at 846-1804 or by e-mail at david.mckay@kirtland.af.mil.

Ten new members of the regular Kirtland Honor Guard are also being sought. To learn more about volunteering as a member, contact Sergeant McKay.



A canopy and new surface material on the ground, along with repair of existing play equipment, were funded for \$245,000. **Photos by Todd Berenger**

‘Instant replay’ for remodeled playground



TEAM KIRTLAND families joined the dedication and reopening of the play area, April 28, in Bicentennial Park.

A canopy and new surface material on the ground, along with repair of existing play equipment, were funded for \$245,000 as a quality of life enhancement.

Numerous volunteers, including staff from the Family Advocacy Program which coordinated the renovation project, helped remove old surfacing material and cleaned the area.

The reopening event included free burgers and toys from the adjacent McDonald’s, storytime by the Library, facepainting by Family Housing and the 150th Fighter Wing, bicycle helmets and safety information from the 377th Air Base Wing Safety Office, a 377th Security Forces Squadron military working dog demonstration, free beverages from Army and Air Force Exchange Services and Coca-Cola and balloons, cake and support funds from the Kirtland Federal Credit Union.

FAR LEFT—Staff Sgt. April Boggs of the 377th Security Forces Squadron, fingerprints Hunter Albrandt, 4, as part of the child identification operation.

LEFT—Christine Marocchini, 5, explores a tunnel during the reopening of the playground in Bicentennial Park.

Cops host Police Week events

The 377th Security Forces Squadron will be giving out free gunlock safety kits to base housing residents at the BX, May 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., as part of 2004 National Police Week events.

Kits are limited to two per resident.

They are funded by Project Childsafe, a nationwide program that promotes safe firearms handling and storing. Along with the gun safety kits, security forces will be handing out registration forms and gun safety literature.

Other events everyone on base is invited to participate in for National Police Week:

★ **3 on 3 basketball**, May 10, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the East Fitness Center, \$5 a person, register today. Call Staff Sgt. Leonard Stovall, 853-1380.



Photo by Damien Bohannon
Gun lock like the ones security forces are distributing.

★ **Bowling Tournament**, May 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in the Bowling Center, teams of five, \$10 entrance fee per team and \$1 a game, register by May 10. Call Staff Sgt. Chad Jensen, 846-2631.

★ **Crime Prevention Display**, May 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the BX, kids fingerprinting, crime prevention literature, gunlock giveaway. McGruff the anti-crime dog, 1-3 p.m.

★ **Golf Tournament**, May 13, 8:30 a.m., at Tijeras Arroyo Golf Course, 4 players a team, \$30 a person--includes greens fees, cart, bucket of balls, register by May 10. Call Staff Sgt. Shad Helphinstine, 846-0352.

★ **Softball Tournament**, May 14-15, \$90 a team, register by May 10. Call Tech. Sgt. Roberto Estrada, 846-0369.

MENTORING

complete the mentor enrollment process by May 21 and then we will be seeking individuals that wish to have a mentor.”

The Air Force Materiel Command Commander, Gen. Gregory Martin, has funded and fully supports this program:

General Martin wrote, “Mentoring embodies the heart and soul of the leadership development process. As mentors, we sharpen our communication skills, learn to inspire trust and drive home Air Force values.

“As mentees, we make a commitment to life long learning and growth. We take responsibility for our own development, expand our vision and enlarge our capabilities.”

He continued, “Our vision is to create a mentoring culture that sup-

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ports personal development across the force. We see the potential of using a Web-assisted mentoring process to provide the practical framework for this far-reaching goal.

“I am inviting you to participate in a three month pilot program called Mission Driven Mentoring that will evaluate the potential impact of this approach to mentoring for the entire force.”

“Look for an email from the development committee and if you don’t receive one please give Ms. Kelley a call at 846-9561 or email her at Vita.Kelley@kirtland.af.mil,” said Colonel Cleckner. “This is a great opportunity to get involved in making a difference in someone’s life while enriching your own. We will be sending out more information to you shortly.”